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Since there is only one theoretic basis of all activities of the Communist Party, i.e., the scientific philosophy of dialectical materialism, it is of the utmost importance that party propagandists continue their study of this. Equally important is the propagation of knowledge concerning political economy to all party members and nonparty members alike.

Program of the 1953 - 1954 RSS

The 1953 - 1954 RSS will begin on 15 October 1953, and end on 30 June 1954.(1)  
It will be based on the following:

1. Basic Courses in Political Education

Such courses are intended primarily for new party members, candidates for party membership, and nonmembers. Participants will also include all students who failed to complete satisfactorily the basic course, or the group study course on the lives of Lenin and Stalin, during the 1952 - 1953 RSS.

Basic course students will meet twice a month for 2-hour classes and will prepare their material between sessions. A review session will be held in June 1954 to determine how well the students have mastered their study material.(2)

The curriculum will consist of the following:

- a. The KSC and its objectives
- b. Basis of the scientific world concept of the Communist Party
- c. Klement Gottwald, leader of the workers in their fight to overthrow capitalism in Czechoslovakia
- d. Klement Gottwald, founder of the Czechoslovak people's democratic state
- e. Laying the foundations of socialism, a patriotic task of the Czechoslovak people
- f. The Soviet Union, leader of the peaceful nations (1)

2. Group Study of the History of the CPSU (Communist Party of the Soviet Union)

Study groups will be organized by the committees of primary party organizations primarily for students of the 1952 - 1953 RSS groups who have studied the biographies of Lenin and Stalin and the history of the CPSU. The groups may include the best graduates of the basic course and highly developed nonparty members. The groups will meet twice a month for 2-hour sessions. A review session will be held in June 1954 to determine how well the students have mastered their study material.(2)

Group study will include the following:

- a. The Bolshevik Party in the transition period to a peaceful rebirth of the national economy
- b. The Bolshevik Party in the battle for socialist industrialization of the country
- c. The Bolshevik Party and its struggle for the collectivization of agriculture

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d. The Bolshevik Party and its struggle for completion of the building of the socialist state and the establishment of a new constitution.(1)

### 3. Group Study of Political Economy and the Problems of the National Economy

Groups are organized by the okres committees only, with the consent of the kraj committees, and only when thoroughly qualified propagandists are available. Enrollees in such groups will consist primarily of leading functionaries of party organizations in large plants and the most highly developed economic centers and principal technical centers. This may include Communists and non-party members if they have mastered basic Marxism-Leninism within the scope of the history of the CPSU. Groups will be organized in the okres seats and in large industrial centers, and their management will be entrusted to the all-enterprise committee which has the greatest number of participants. Two-hour sessions will be held three times a month. A review session will be held in June 1954 to determine how well the students have mastered their study material.(2)

Group study will include the following:

- a. Political economy and its meaning for Communist parties
- b. Production of goods
- c. Capital and overevaluation
- d. Capital accumulation and impoverishment of the proletariat
- e. Reproductiveness of capital and the economic crisis
- f. Imperialism and the general capitalist crisis
- g. The transition period from capitalism to socialism
- h. The socialist economic system and the character of the economic laws of socialism
  1. The basic economic law of socialism and the law of planned proportionate development of the national economy
  - j. The production of goods under socialism, and the law of values governing division of the products of labor in accordance with work performed
  - k. Gradual transition from socialism to communism in the USSR.(1)

### 4. Okres Evening Schools for the Study of Marxism-Leninism

Enrollment (by the okres committees) will consist primarily of members of the okres committees of the KSC, Communist workers in the okres offices of national committees of mass organizations, and, to a much greater extent than heretofore, the chairmen of important enterprises and village organizations. Party members who cannot undertake independent study, but are fully capable of mastering the subjects in an okres evening school, will also be enrolled. Students will meet once a week for a 4-hour session. An examination will be held at the end of each year's study.(2)

The 2-year curriculum will consist of the following:

- a. History of the CPSU
- b. History of the KSC

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- c. Dialectical and historical materialism
  - d. Political economy and problems of the national economy
  - e. Problems in party work (1)
5. Independent Study of Marxism-Leninism

Okres, city, and factory party committees will enroll in this, the highest form of party training, comrades who have studied independently in the past, graduates of the okres evening schools who have passed examinations at the conclusion of their training, and graduates of long-term party and other political schools. Students participating in independent study will take part in propaganda work as lecturers, or as conductors of seminars. The most highly developed students will be designated as consultants by the okres committee.

Students will prepare a complete all-year study plan by 15 September 1953; this plan must be approved by the lecturer group of the okres committees by 30 September 1953. Consultants will assist independent students in preparing their study plans and during their course of study. Consultants will not be assigned groups of more than four or five students.(2)

Students may choose one of the following subjects:

- a. History of the CPSU
- b. History of the KSC
- c. Dialectical and historical materialism
- d. Political economy
- e. International relations

In addition to the five types of study outlined above, the city committees of the KSC in Prague, Brno, and Ostrava and the city committee of the KSC (Komunistická Strana Slovenska, Slovak Communist Party) in Bratislava will establish new semesters for evening study which will be called the Evening Universities of Marxism-Leninism.

During the first semester, the evening universities will offer History of the CPSU, History of the KSC, with an introduction to the history of the Czechoslovak Republic, and International Relations. The second semester will include courses in dialectical and historical materialism and in political economy. For workers employed in art and culture, the second semester will also include Marxist-Leninist teachings on art, with a correspondingly reduced number of hours required in political economy.(1) Examinations will be held at the conclusion of each year's study.(2)

The city committees will enroll (in the evening universities) party members and nonparty members from among scientific workers, managers of centers, cultural and artistic workers, and workers in the party and government apparatuses. Of necessity, many more members of the new intelligentsia (from the working class) will be enrolled than has been the practice in the past.(2)

Nonparty members will be accepted in all the above subdivisions except the independent study group.

Each student will be interviewed individually for enrollment in the 1953 - 1954 RSS. The political development and educational background of prospective students will be considered in setting up the individual school groups.

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Committees of the primary party organizations will conduct preliminary classification of students into the various school groups for the 1953 - 1954 RSS, and will present such classification lists, together with the names of recommended propagandists, to the organization's full membership meeting. Propagandists to teach political education courses in the Czechoslovak Youth Union, and History of the CPSU to study groups which will be organized by that union, will also be selected at that time. The classification lists, the proposed propagandists, and a summary report on the results of the 1952 - 1953 RSS will be presented to the okres committee before 10 July 1953.(2)

#### Summer Preparation of Propagandists

The preparation of propagandists during the summer will create a basis for the high ideological level of the 1953 - 1954 RSS. Summer training will be directed mostly at lecturers from okres committees and at those who conduct seminars in the 3-week resident courses of the kraj political schools.

Kraj committees are urged to institute gradually 3-week courses for lecturers, courses for those who conduct seminars and for propagandists who lead the History of the CPSU study groups, leaders of basic courses, lecturers and propagandists of the political economy study groups, lecturers on the History of the KSC, and lecturers on dialectical and historical materialism.

Because the capacity of some kraj political schools precludes resident study for all seminar propagandists, kraj committees in some okreses, especially in kraj seats, are urged to train the remaining propagandists as part-time resident students or by means of seminars only.

The former mass preparation of propagandists for the basic courses and study groups will be abandoned. New propagandists and those who have had very little experience as propagandists will be trained first, followed by propagandists for group study who have been named by the Czechoslovak Youth Union.

Propagandists will be trained by the okres committees from 15 July to 30 August, in seven 3- or 4-hour seminars, according to plans which will be issued by the Propaganda Department of the UV KSC.

Propagandists who will teach groups studying political economy and the problems of national economy will all train in the 3-week kraj political schools. The main source of preparation of all propagandists will be the constant seminars which are to be held during the course of the year and which will begin in September 1953.

Consultants who are to assist the independent study students will be trained in 3-day seminars which will be arranged by the kraj committees to take place in August 1953.

The Agitation and Propaganda Division of the UV KSC will assist the kraj and okres committees in building up their lecturer groups and improving their knowledge of theory and method of operation. The division will also assist the krajs in organizing discussion groups and lecture programs, and will insure that consultants, lecturers, seminar leaders, and the most highly educated propagandists are sent by the kraj committees to long-term schools or to the Central Political School. It will also furnish aid by means of press articles on theory and methodology, and by issuing literature, pamphlets, and other aids.

In preparing for the 1953 - 1954 RSS, kraj and okres committees will make up their lecturer groups from persons capable of mastering new assignments.

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Okres committees will select and approve propagandists and seminar leaders. They will also institute seminars for propagandists for the basic course and those teaching group study, so that the seminars can begin functioning early in September 1953. Kraj committees will select propagandists for the political economy study groups.

The party press is very important in improving the level of the RSS and in the education of propagandists. Kraj committees will therefore assure the aid of their kraj press and will also make greater use of the newspaper Propagandista, which is an invaluable aid to all propagandists.

In preparing for the 1953 - 1954 RSS, the Department of Propaganda and Publicity of the UV KSC will issue the following:

1. Pamphlets of the primary organizations and okres committees announcing the preliminary classification of participants in the 1953 - 1954 RSS, and a list of the proposed propagandists.
2. a. Programs for the 3-week courses to be held by kraj political schools for seminar leaders, lecturers from okres committees, and propagandists of the groups studying political economy.  
b. The curriculum for seminar preparation of consultants for the independent study groups.
3. Teaching plans and curricula for summer preparation of propagandists for the basic course and groups studying history.
4. Teaching texts for the basic course in political education.
5. Teaching plans for seminar leaders and propagandists, including (a) basic courses in political education; (b) History of the CPSU study groups; (c) groups for the study of political economy and problems of national economy; and (d) okres evening schools for the study of Marxism-Leninism.
6. Bibliographies for the independent study groups, and the recommended study plans.
7. Daily announcements, in pamphlet form, pertaining to the progress of the RSS.(2)

Directives for fulfilling the above resolution will be issued by the organizational secretariat of the UV KSC.(1)

## SOURCES

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